AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1.   (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for ordering workers for a client, comprising:

receiving an order request including criteria identifying qualifications for a worker, wherein the order request is processed in a number of stages;

notifying a supplier of the order request;

receiving at least one candidate submission from the notified supplier, including information identifying a suggested worker intended to satisfy the order request;

forwarding information corresponding to the candidate submission to the client for review;

receiving from the client a candidate approval associated with the suggested worker; and

notifying the supplier of the candidate approval; and

electronically displaying a summary of action taken on the order request during each processing stage.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving an order request further comprises:

generating a display screen including a selectable template identifying predetermined qualification criteria of a worker;

prompting the client to complete the order request using the selectable template; and

including in the order request the predetermined qualification criteria included in the selectable template.

3.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein notifying a supplier further comprises:

selecting from a database, based on the qualification criteria included in the received order request, a particular supplier; and

notifying the particular supplier of the order request.

4.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein forwarding information on a candidate to the client further comprises:

notifying the client of the suggested worker by automatically generating and sending an electronic mail message to the client.

5.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, ~~wherein the order request is processed in a number of stages, the method~~ further comprising:

determining the current stage of the order request;

generating a first display screen including status display components associated with each stage of the order request; and

modifying each status display component to reflect the current stage of the order request.

6.   (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the status display components

correspond to a series of bars equal to the number of stages, the method further

comprising:

highlighting the number of bars corresponding to the current stage.

7.   (Original) The method of claim 5, further comprising:

generating a second display screen including a listing of order requests

associated with a particular user; and

associating with each order request listed in the second display screen the

corresponding status display component.

8.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, ~~wherein the order request is~~

~~processed in a number of stages, the method further comprising:~~

~~generating a display screen providing a summary of action taken on the order~~

~~request during each processing stage,~~ wherein the ~~display screen displays~~ displaying

further comprises displaying, for each processing stage, text of an electronic mail sent

to a user associated with the order request.

9.   (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method of ordering

workers using a network, comprising:

providing an interface in the network for clients to obtain workers from a supplier

of workers;

permitting clients to have access to the interface to specify order requests

identifying an order for workers, the order request including criteria identifying

qualifications for a worker, wherein the order requests are processed in a number of

stages;

permitting the supplier to have access to the order request based on the

qualification criteria; and

receiving at least one candidate submission from the supplier, including

information identifying a suggested worker intended to satisfy the order request; and

displaying a summary of action taken on the order requests during each

processing stage.

10.   (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for ordering

workers, comprising:

determining, from a set of suppliers, a select group of suppliers capable of

satisfying an order request based on stored information associated with the set of

suppliers, the stored information including at least an identification of types of workers

associated with each supplier;

electronically notifying each supplier in the select group of suppliers about the

order request, wherein the order request is processed in a number of stages;

receiving at least one candidate submission from the notified select group of

suppliers, including information identifying a suggested worker intended to satisfy the

order request; and

notifying a client associated with the order request of the candidate submission;

and

displaying a summary of action taken on the order request during each

processing stage.

11.   (Currently Amended) A computer for ordering workers, the computer

comprising:

a memory having program instructions; and

a processor, responsive to the programming instructions, configured to:

receive an order request including criteria identifying qualifications for a

worker, wherein the order request is processed in a number of stages;

determine from a set of suppliers a select group of suppliers capable of

satisfying an order request based on stored information associated with the set of

suppliers, the stored information including at least an identification of types of workers

associated with each supplier;

notify each supplier terminal associated with the select group of suppliers

about the order request;

receive at least one candidate submission from the notified select group of

suppliers, including information identifying a suggested worker intended to satisfy the

order request; and

notify the client terminal of the candidate submission; and

displaying a summary of action taken on the order request during each

processing stage.

12.   (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for ordering workers for a client, comprising:

receiving from the client an order request including criteria identifying qualifications for a worker, wherein the order request is processed in a number of stages;

selecting candidate information from a database based on the identified qualification criteria in the order request, wherein the selected candidate information includes information identifying a suggested worker intended to satisfy the order request;

forwarding the candidate information to the client for review;

receiving from the client a candidate approval associated with the suggested worker; and

notifying the suggested worker of the approval; and

electronically displaying a summary of action taken on the order request during each processing stage.

13.   (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein receiving an order request further comprises:

generating a display screen including a selectable template identifying predetermined qualification criteria of a worker;

prompting the client to complete the order request using the selectable template; and

including in the order request the predetermined qualification criteria included in the selectable template.

14. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein forwarding the candidate information to the client further comprises:

notifying the client of the suggested worker by automatically generating and sending an electronic mail message to the client.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, ~~wherein the order request is processed in a number of stages,~~ the method further comprising:

determining the current stage of the order request;

generating a display screen including display components associated with each stage of the order request; and

modifying each display component to reflect the current stage of the order request.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the display components correspond to a series of bars equal to the number of stages, the method further comprising:

highlighting the number of bars corresponding to the current stage.

17. (Currently Amended) A computer for ordering workers, the computer comprising:

a memory having program instructions; and

a processor, responsive to the programming instructions, configured to:

receive from the client an order request including criteria identifying

qualifications for a worker, wherein the order request is processed in a number of

stages;

select candidate information from a database based on the identified

qualification criteria in the order request, wherein the selected candidate information

includes information identifying a suggested worker intended to satisfy the order

request;

forward the candidate information to the client for review;

receive from the client a candidate approval associated with the

suggested worker; and

notify the suggested worker of the approval; and

displaying a summary of action taken on the order request during each

processing stage.

18.   (Currently Amended) A user interface, generated by a computer, for

displaying status information of an order request, wherein the order request is

processed in a number of stages, the interface comprising:

a status display component corresponding to for electronically displaying a series

of bars equal to the number of stages; and

wherein the user interface a highlighting component that associates the status

display component with the order request and highlights a subset of the series of bars of

the status display component, wherein the number of highlighted bars corresponds to

the current stage of the order request.

19.   (Original) The user interface of claim 18, further comprising:

a summary report display component displaying order identification information,

the status display component, and information identifying an amount of time elapsed for

each stage of the order request.

20.   (Original) A computer-implemented method for ordering workers for a

client, comprising:

receiving an order request including criteria identifying qualifications for a worker,

wherein the order request is processed in a number of stages and wherein receiving an

order request further comprises: generating a display screen including a selectable

template identifying predetermined qualification criteria of a worker, prompting the client

to complete the order request using the selectable template, and including in the order

request the predetermined qualification criteria included in the selectable template;

selecting from a database, based on the qualification criteria included in the

received order request, a supplier;

notifying the supplier of the order request;

receiving at least one candidate submission from the notified supplier, including

information identifying a suggested worker intended to satisfy the order request;

forwarding information corresponding to the candidate submission to the client

for review, wherein forwarding information on a candidate to the client further comprises

notifying the client of the suggested worker by automatically generating and sending an electronic mail message to the client;

receiving from the client a candidate approval associated with the suggested worker;

notifying the supplier of the candidate approval;

determining the current stage of the order request;

generating a first display screen including status display components associated with each stage of the order request, wherein the status display components correspond to a series of bars equal to the number of stages;

highlighting the number of bars corresponding to the current stage;

generating a second display screen including a listing of order requests associated with a particular user;

associating with each order request listed in the second display screen the corresponding status display component; and

generating a third display screen providing a summary of action taken on the order request during each processing stage, wherein the third display screen displays, for each processing stage, text of an electronic mail sent to a user associated with the order request.

21.   (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the displaying further comprises displaying at least one of an order request associated with the supplier, a time taken for the supplier to respond to the order request, and a number of candidates the supplier has provided in fulfilment of the order request.

22.   (New) The method of claim 9 further comprising:

determining the current stage of the order request;

generating a first display screen including status display components associated

with each stage of the order request; and

modifying each status display component to reflect the current stage of the order

request.

23.   (New) The method of claim 22, wherein the status display components

correspond to a series of bars equal to the number of stages, the method further

comprising:

highlighting the number of bars corresponding to the current stage.

24.   (New) The method of claim 9, wherein the displaying further comprises

displaying, for each processing stage, text of an electronic mail sent to a user

associated with the order request.

25.   (New) The method of claim 10 further comprising:

determining the current stage of the order request;

generating a first display screen including status display components associated

with each stage of the order request; and

modifying each status display component to reflect the current stage of the order

request.

26.   (New) The method of claim 25, wherein the status display components correspond to a series of bars equal to the number of stages, the method further comprising:

highlighting the number of bars corresponding to the current stage.

27.   (New) The method of claim 10, wherein the displaying further comprises displaying, for each processing stage, text of an electronic mail sent to a user associated with the order request.

28.   (New) The method of claim 11 further comprising:

determining the current stage of the order request;

generating a first display screen including status display components associated with each stage of the order request; and

modifying each status display component to reflect the current stage of the order request.

29.   (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the status display components correspond to a series of bars equal to the number of stages, the method further comprising:

highlighting the number of bars corresponding to the current stage.

30.　(New)　The method of claim 11, wherein the displaying further comprises displaying, for each processing stage, text of an electronic mail sent to a user associated with the order request.

31.　(New)　The method of claim 12 further comprising:

determining the current stage of the order request;

generating a first display screen including status display components associated with each stage of the order request; and

modifying each status display component to reflect the current stage of the order request.

32.　(New)　The method of claim 31, wherein the status display components correspond to a series of bars equal to the number of stages, the method further comprising:

highlighting the number of bars corresponding to the current stage.

33.　(New)　The method of claim 12, wherein the displaying further comprises displaying, for each processing stage, text of an electronic mail sent to a user associated with the order request.

34.　(New)　The method of claim 17 further comprising:

determining the current stage of the order request;

generating a first display screen including status display components associated

with each stage of the order request; and

modifying each status display component to reflect the current stage of the order

request.

35.   (New) The method of claim 34, wherein the status display components

correspond to a series of bars equal to the number of stages, the method further

comprising:

highlighting the number of bars corresponding to the current stage.

36.   (New) The method of claim 17, wherein the displaying further comprises

displaying, for each processing stage, text of an electronic mail sent to a user

associated with the order request.

37.   (New) A computer-implemented method of ordering workers using a

network, comprising:

providing an interface in the network for clients to obtain workers from a supplier

of workers;

permitting clients to have access to the interface to specify order requests

identifying an order for workers, the order request including criteria identifying

qualifications for a worker, wherein the order requests are processed in a number of

stages;

permitting the supplier to have access to the order request based on the

qualification criteria;

receiving at least one candidate submission from the supplier, including

information identifying a suggested worker intended to satisfy the order request;

determining the current stage of the order request;

generating a first display area including status display components identifying

each processing stage; and

modifying the status display components to highlight one or more of the status

display components to reflect the current stage of the order request.